

West Valley City thanks Chief Lee Russo for his contribution to the Community. We take great pride in ensuring Public Safety for our residents and community. We are equally as proud of the exceptional work that has been accomplished over the past four years. When Chief Russo was selected to lead the Police Department, the city had very specific tasks and challenges to achieve. At the top of this list was regaining the trust of our residents and community. Four years later, the police department has succeeded in connecting with the public, and is a state of the art department once again standing proudly amongst its sister jurisdictions.

Our Police Department has received the CALEA designation, making us the only nationally accredited police department in the state. We were one of the first departments in Utah to equip all of our officers with body cameras, which has proven valuable for our officers and residents. The Chief led the state in efforts to ensure all sexual assault kits are processed and put the West Valley City Police Department at the forefront of better understanding and working with sexual assault victims through its recognized 'Start by Believing' campaign. Our officers are well trained, work hard to protect and to serve, and consistently strive to be a real part of our West Valley City community.

The City will begin the search for a new permanent police chief immediately. For now, Deputy Chief Colleen Nolen will be the interim Chief of the West Valley City Police Department. As Chief Russo moves to his next challenge, we send him off with our appreciation for all he has done for the community, we thank him for his good work and we wish him the best in all that he does.